

LAWYER BRANDEIS TO TEST EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN LAW

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Washington, Jan. 28.—At the request of the attorney general of the state of Ohio, Louis D. Brandeis, the people's lawyer, is to argue before the Supreme Court of the United States the second case brought to test the constitutionality of a law prohibiting the employment of women in certain industries for more than 10 hours a day or more than 54 hours a week.

In 1908 the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of a similar law in a case brought by Curt Miller, a laundryman, against the state of Oregon. The decision in that case was rendered by the late Justice Brewer. The present case is brought by Anna Hawley, a milliner, who is suing the constable who arrested her for violating the law by working her women employes overtime.

In the previous case the court stated that although the "general right to contract in relation to one's business is part of the liberty of the individual," yet notwithstanding that the question involved the health of future generations since that health depends upon the health of women today, and therefore that the state possessed the police power to protect the health of its future citizens by protecting the health of its women. Five state courts have since upheld the constitutionality of such laws—Washington, California, Massachusetts, Ohio and Michigan.

Mr. Brandeis' brief filed with the court is similar to the one which was filed in the Oregon case. He shows that fatigue is a kind of poison which is generated by activity and which removes itself during periods of rest. He shows that excessive hours of labor produce a distinctly detrimental quantity of this poison, or toxin, and he quotes the figures from foreign insurance societies showing the increase in nervous diseases and disor-

ders resulting from speed and strain among wage workers.

NEAR RIOT OF UNEMPLOYED WHEN POLICE CHARGE

That part of Chicago that lies in the district around the Maxwell street police station threatened to be the scene of what would have resembled a Russian riot yesterday afternoon when the owner of a furniture store became alarmed at the sight of part of Chicago's big army of the unemployed.

Several speakers were holding a street meeting at 12th and Miller streets. They were telling the audience before them that they had the right to work.

Samuel Franklin, owner of a furniture store, next to where the meeting was being held, stuck his head out of the window. He didn't like the grim gathering outside.

He telephoned the Maxwell street station. In a few minutes the police charged the crowd and arrested Morris Bernstein, 1045 W. Taylor street, and Henry Wishnewsky, 1432 S. Sangamon street. The crowd became excited at the attitude and for a few minutes trouble seemed near.

Three shots were fired in the district a few hours later and the police arrested Paul Weinstein, 1054 S. Morgan street, on whom they found a revolver.

HAD A CHANGE OF MIND

Sunday Dr. Gunsaulus said Chicago is going to hell, is a bum town, and worse than Babylon at the time of Belshazzar's feast.

The Armour's, who pay most of Gunsaulus' salary, and others in the bunch, didn't like this line of dope because it's poor advertising and not good for business.

So yesterday Dr. Gunsaulus took it all back and gave out a special interview, saying it's a beautiful city we live in and a whole lot better than Babylon or Sodom and Gomorrah and other bum towns.